

## ASK AMY

## Your Insight Into the TBI Fund

### TBI Fund Information

There are several ways for you to find out more about the TBI Fund:

- Write to "Ask Amy"—a column of the *BIANJ Newsletter* devoted to informing the public on the TBI Fund—at:  
     "Ask Amy"  
     TBI Fund  
     P.O. Box 700  
     Trenton, NJ 08625
- Obtain a copy of the TBI Fund Brochure by visiting [www.state.nj.us/humanservices/dds/publications.html](http://www.state.nj.us/humanservices/dds/publications.html) to download, or call BIANJ's Family Help Line, (800) 669-4323.
- Contact DDS at (888) 285-3036 to obtain an application to apply for assistance from the TBI Fund.

For additional information on the services offered by DDS visit its website, [www.state.nj.us/humanservices/dds](http://www.state.nj.us/humanservices/dds) or call (888) 285-3036 or (609) 292-7800.

Dear Amy:

I heard that the Traumatic Brain Injury Fund is a "payor of last resort." What does that mean?

- Denise from Cherry Hill

Dear Denise,

The Traumatic Brain Injury (TBI) Fund is a "payor of last resort." This means that all other available methods of accessing a service must be explored before the TBI Fund can pay for it. For example, if you ask the Fund to pay for physical therapy and you have insurance, you must use your insurance first. If your insurance has a therapy limit, the Fund may be able to pay for therapy services that you need after you have reached your limit. The Fund can also cover co-payments that may be associated with certain items and services, like medical office visits and prescription medication.

In addition, if you ask the TBI Fund to pay for an item or service that you can get through another program, we may refer you to that program. For example, if you ask for assistance in paying for your medications and you are eligible for Prescription Assistance for the Aged and Disabled (PAAD), we may send you an application for that program and suggest that you apply. In the meantime, the Fund may pay for your prescriptions while you are waiting for an eligibility determination.

If you have any further questions about the TBI Fund, please call either myself or Traci Johnson, program assistant at (888) 285-3036.

-Amy

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